

Update on the new *Prayer and
Liturgy Directory for Catholic schools*
Due to schools for September 2021



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Norms

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- The Prayer and Liturgy Directory will draw upon existing liturgical sources and present the relevant **norms** for Catholic schools.
 - The notion of norms can be an unfamiliar; liturgical norms are in a sense the normal ways of doing things. Norms can be for the universal Church (all Catholics) and at a national level (Catholics in England and Wales).



Prayer and Liturgy Directory for Catholic schools

- The *Directory* will set out clearly the principles and norms for Catholic prayer and liturgy and their application in the specific context of schools.
- It will be based upon the wider principles and norms for Catholic prayer and liturgy used in the Church.
- The *Directory* is intended in the first place for all who are directly involved in overseeing and facilitating prayer and liturgy in their schools.
- It has also been written as a tool for formation and is intended as a resource for all who support those on the 'front line'.

Prayer and Liturgy Directory - Survey

- An online survey was distributed to those in Catholic education through emails from NBRIA (National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisors), ATCRE (Association of Teachers of Catholic Religious Education) and ACCE (Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education).
- The online survey was available for 21 days (3 weeks), from 28th February 2020 to 20th March 2020.
- The combined response from 352 respondents resulted in a total of 23,080 words.

Consultation

Prayer and Liturgy Directory

ATCRE has been involved in supporting the consultation on the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory.

Two Departments of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are collaborating in the writing of a Prayer and Liturgy Directory for Catholic schools. The aim is for the Directory to be published for September 2021. The Department of Christian Life and Worship as well as the Department for Education and Formation have come together to

To access a summary report on the online survey, click below.

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(Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education). The online survey was available for 21 days (3 weeks), from 28th February 2020 to 20th March 2020. The combined response from 352 respondents resulted in a total of 23,080 words. The writing group for the Prayer and Liturgy Directory was very grateful to all those that took the time to respond to the online survey.

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liturgical worship
liturgy staff Mass
etc prayers
collective
different age pray teachers
year appropriate all
prayer schools
Examples support
ideas liturgies Catholic
other faith people use
Guidance children
school
resources

Question 5. What would you like to find in the Prayer and Liturgy Directory?

- 333 out of 352 responded to this question (95%). A total of 12,756 words were used in this section.
- There is clearly a confusion as to what is expected, or rather, there is a strong expectation that the Directory will provide more than guidance.
- A significant number of respondents expect that the directory will be providing resources, in a 'ready to go' format. A recurring request was for exemplar material.
- Some key themes emerged: requests for material to help with teachers who are non-practising Catholics and nonCatholic staff; concerns about age-appropriateness (being 'child-friendly') were very common.

